

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the specification, please make the following amendments:

On page 1, after the title, insert the following:

--Cross Reference to Related Applications

This application claims priority of European Application No. 02406089.9 filed December 11, 2002, which is included in its entirety by reference made hereto.

Background of the Invention

Field of the Invention--.

On page 1, at line 7, please insert:

--Description of the Related Art--

On page 4, after line 11, please insert:

--Brief Summary of the Invention--

On page 4, at line 22, please make the following change to the 2-line paragraph:

--To achieve this, the subject of this invention is an articulated strap with links as claimed--.

A NEW PAGE 4 IS ATTACHED TO THIS PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT.

On page 5, at line 20, please insert:

--Brief Description of the Drawings--

On page 6, at line 10, please insert:

--Detailed Description of the Invention--

all the links forming the strap are articulated about two axes.

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5 no element forming part of the assembly is visible in
the position of use, that is to say when the strap
surrounds the wrist, that end of the longitudinal
recess which issues onto a lateral face of the strap
becomes visible as soon as a sufficient angle is formed
10 between this lateral face and the link adjacent to this
lateral face.

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articulated strap with links, in which no assembly
15 element is visible on any face, even a lateral face of
links which is located within the strap. The object of
this invention is also to have the least possible or
even no screw-type assembly element, in order to avoid
any risk of the unscrewing of a screw which is not
20 sufficiently tightened.

To achieve this, the subject of this invention is an
articulated strap with links as claimed.

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assemblies which form the strap, the latter is fully
demountable without any tool, thus making it possible
to adjust it to the correct length easily at the time
of the sale of a watch in the case of a watch strap.

30 The locking of the transverse articulation rods of this
strap is obtained by means of the tilting of the two
parts of a modular assembly about the transverse mid-
axis, said tilting being intended to cause the two
35 links aligned transversely with the transverse
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